AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert in the first sentence after the title, the following new paragraph.

This application is the U.S. national phase of International Application PCT/EP2003/006093, filed June 11, 2003.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 19, and ending at line 32, with the following paragraph.

A new and valuable balance of properties has now been achieved by the polyolefin compositions of the present invention, comprising (percent by weight):

1) 55-90% of a crystalline propylene homopolymer or copolymer containing up to 15% of ethylene and/or C_4-C_{10} α-olefin(s) and having a value of MFR (230 °C, 2.16 kg) of at least 25 g/10 min; and

2) 10-45% of a copolymer of ethylene with one or more C_4-C_{10} α-olefin(s) containing from 10 to 40% of said C_4-C_{10} α-olefin(s), preferably from 10 to 35%, of said C_4-C_{10} α-olefin(s);

said compositions having values of MFR equal to or higher than 20 g/10 min, a total content of ethylene of 20% or more, preferably 22% or more, a total content of C_4-C_{10} α-olefin(s) of 4.5% or more, a ratio of the total content of ethylene to the total content of C_4-C_{10} α-olefin(s) of 2.3 or more, preferably of 2.5 or more, a total fraction soluble in xylene at room temperature of less than ~~17~~18 wt% and an intrinsic viscosity value of the fraction soluble in xylene at room temperature of 1.7 dl/g or less, preferably of 1.5 dl/g or less.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 8, and ending at line 10, with the following paragraph.

Representative examples of said ~~dieters~~diethers are 2-methyl-2-isopropyl-1,3-dimethoxypropane, 2,2-diisobutyl-1,3-dimethoxypropane, 2-isopropyl-2-cyclopentyl-1,3-

dimethoxypropane, 2-isopropyl-2-isoamyl-1,3-dimethoxypropane, 9,9-bis (methoxymethyl) fluorene.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 9, and ending at line 12, with the following paragraph.

Examples of silicon compounds are (tert-butyl)$_2$Si(OCH$_3$)$_2$, (cyclohexyl)(methyl)Si(OCH$_3$)$_2$, (phenyl)$_2$Si(OCH$_3$)$_2$ and (cyclopentyl)$_2$Si(OCH$_3$)$_2$. 1,3-diethers having the formulae described above can also be used advantageously. If the internal donor is one of these ~~dieters,~~diethers the external donors can be omitted.